

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting image information by a sending mobile phone having a memory and utilizing a short message service (SMS) in a mobile phone having a memory for storing image files, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting and confirming an image file out of a list of one or more image files stored on the sending mobile phone,

receiving accepting information about a receiving mobile phone to be called to which the an image file selected by a user is to be transmitted; and

transmitting an SMS message having data of the image file and header information for indicating to the receiving mobile phone that the message is an image message to the called mobile phone by the SMS.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the image file in a plurality of successive SMS messages if the data amount of the image file exceeds the user data amount allowed for one SMS message.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
receiving the transmitted SMS message having data of the image file and the header information by a short message service (SMS) in a the receiving mobile phone having a memory for storing image files, comprising the steps of:

temporarily storing the image file in the memory if the header information indicates the image message; and

permanently storing the image file after assigning it a name in accordance with a receiving user request

checking header information upon receipt of an SMS message;
performing a text message reception operation if the header information of the SMS message indicates a text message; and

storing image file data of the SMS message in the memory if the header information indicates an image message.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim-4_1, further comprising the step of transmitting the image file in a plurality of successive SMS messages if the data amount of the image file exceeds the user data amount allowed for one SMS message.